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allow the old spirit to revive, to rule again, and to plunge the country into new destruction and new humiliations. Out of the present chaos of opinion order will come by and by, and it will not be the order which is created by hate and the sword. The day may be nearer than many think, for France moves quickly when she does move.

### Frances E. Willard.

The best comment on the great life of the distinguished woman who recently passed from us is the work which she did, which now "follows her," and which can never be forgotten. This work was of that unique, original sort which it is given to only a few people in a century to perform. The W.C.T.U. had many antecedents which prepared the way for it and inaugurated it, but without the deep-seeing, far-seeing mind, the all-pervading moral purpose, the courageous will, the executive ability and the splendid persuasive eloquence of Miss Willard, the organization, though not started by her, might, in its national and world-wide scope, never have reached a permanent existence. The story of this splendid organization of Christian women, of its inception, growth and development, of its expansion under Miss Willard until it embraced nearly every phase of reform of special interest to women, cannot be retold here. It is fresh in the memory of all, and does not need retelling.

In 1887 at Nashville, the W. C. T. U. organized its peace department, which, under the efficient direction of Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, has gradually worked its way into more than two-thirds of the States of the Union and into many other nations also. From the time of the organization of this department, Miss Willard grew more and more interested in the international peace movement. In 1894 she was, at its annual meeting, elected one of the vice-presidents of the American Peace Society, a position which she accepted with expressions of appreciation of the privilege of being connected officially with so important a work. She was deeply interested in the Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty and in common with all its multitudes of friends was greatly humiliated at its defeat in the Senate. In her annual report last autumn to the National Convention of the W. C. T. U., she thus spoke of the subject :

"The greatest sorrow of the year to most of us was the defeat of the arbitration treaty between England and America. So heartsick were we when the announcement came that we overlooked the fact that, the treaty having been signed with enthusiasm by our President and the British Minister, forty-three senators cast their votes for its ratification, while twenty-six voted no, the pity of it being that we required two-thirds to carry it; but let it never be forgotten that the senators representing the historic states of the Union all voted solidly for the treaty except Pennsylvania, of all others, whose foundation stones were laid by William Penn, than whom no greater friend of peace has lived since the Founder of Christianity. It is well known that the degeneracy of this state is due to the bad reign of a political boss, who shall be nameless here as he will be hereafter."

If the question had been put to popular vote, during Miss Willard's life, who was the greatest woman in America, we have not the least doubt that of those who would have taken intelligent interest enough in the matter to give their judgment, a large majority would have placed her name first. She was often called "the uncrowned queen." The secret of her greatness was not ambition, not self-seeking, not inherited position, not fortune. It was only in a secondary sense her fine intellect and her still finer voice. It was her whole-souled, uncompromising, unremitting devotion of her whole being to duty, whether the cause which she saw demanded her love was popular or despised. And how nobly, unceasingly and unselfishly she did her duty! The story of her life, now being retold over her grave, ought to inspire millions of American girls to abandon all that is cheap, vain, worldly and unworthy, and to consecrate themselves forevermore to the high and eternal life of duty. Humanity, still suffering, on every spot of the globe, from the ravages of hoary evils, is lifting its pleading hands to these young spirits.

### Editorial Notes.

*The American Monthly (Review of Reviews)* has done much to give the public a better knowledge of the recent progress of what the Editor calls "a marvelous propaganda," by translating and publishing in its February number an able article on "The Advance of the Peace Movement throughout the World," from the pen of Frederic Passy, which recently appeared in the French magazine, *Revue des Revues*. The article is especially valuable to those wishing to acquaint themselves with